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In response to the restriction requirement between Groups I and II, it is assumed dependent claims 18 and 19 should be grouped with independent claim 16 and accordingly are within Group II.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect the embodiment of Group II drawn to a method.

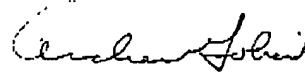
In response to a requirement for an election of species, Applicants do not know what classes of species are considered appropriate.

For purposes of this requirement, it is assumed two species are present namely, a method of heating a food product encompassed by claims 16-17 (and also claims 18 and 19 for which the Office communication is silent), and a method of making a food packaging article encompassed by claims 24 to 31.

Applicants hereby elect the embodiment of a method of making a food packaging article of claims 24 to 31.

An action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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